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CONNECTICUT NORMAL SCHOOL,

Established at New Britain in 1850.

Trustees.

The State Board of Education:—

His Excellency, JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Hartford.
His Honor, OLIVER F. WINCHESTER, New Haven.
Professor THOMAS A. THATCHER, New Haven.
Hon. ELISHA CARPENTER, Wethersfield.
GEORGE M. WOODRUFF, Esq., Litchfield.
ALFRED COIT, Esq., New London.

Secretary.

Rev. BIRDSEY G. NORTHROP, New Haven.

Instructors.

HOMER B. SPRAGUE, M.A.

Principal.

JOHN N. BARTLETT,

Associate.

MISS C. A. COMSTOCK,

(Late of the Massachusetts Normal School, Bridgewater),

Assistant.

LOUIS BAIL,

Instructor in Drawing.

5. For any pointed opposition to authority, gross misconduct, or such continued neglect of study as makes the pupil a hindrance to the class, the Principal may suspend the offender. In all cases of suspension, notice shall immediately be given of the fact to the Secretary of the Board.

Calendar.

1. The school year commences the third Tuesday of September, and comprises forty weeks of actual instruction.

2. The winter term, 1867, commences on Wednesday, January 2d, 1867, and closes Friday, April 5th.

3. The summer term, 1867, commences on Tuesday, April 16th, and closes Friday, July 12th.

4. The fall term, 1867, commences on Tuesday, September 17th, and closes Friday, December 20th.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

1. Candidates must in all cases present the certificate required by law of the Acting School Visitor of the town where the pupil's home is.

2. The standard of qualifications for admission will be gradually raised, so as to insure a more thorough preparation on the part of candidates, and to make the school in an increasing degree an institution for training in the strictly professional studies, the theory and practice of teaching.

3. For the present, candidates will be required to pass a thorough written examination in common Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, the History of the United States, and in Spelling.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1. The course continues through three years, and it is of great importance that pupils remain, if possible, through that entire period.

2. The first year is mainly spent in a thorough review of the studies taught in common schools, with special attention to the best and most recent methods of instruction. A certificate will be awarded to those who pass creditably through this year; also to those who complete successfully the studies of the second year.

3. The studies of the second and third years will be to some extent similar to those taught in the higher rooms of graded schools and in high schools. Much attention will be given to methods of instruction and school economy.

4. Throughout the course special attention will be paid to the study of the English Language, in its History, Literature, and Grammar. Prominence will be given to the art of Reading, and to English Composition. Vocal Music, Drawing, and Light Gymnastics will be taught.

STATEMENT.

The management of this institution is entrusted to a Principal (with his associate teachers), who is held responsible for its order and discipline, subject to the Board of Education. Its object is to train young men and women to take charge of the Common Schools of Connecticut. More than two thousand persons, most of them ladies, are now engaged in the public schools of the state. In consequence of the changes which are continually occurring, there is a steady demand for teachers in every part of the state, and it is a constant complaint that so few of those who offer themselves for employment are thoroughly qualified for the work. The compensation paid good teachers is increasing, and the moral inducements to labor in this direction for the benefit of the state and nation, were never stronger than they are at present.

Regulations.

1. No person shall be admitted as a member of the school without having first signed an explicit declaration of an intention to become qualified to teach in public schools, and to engage in that employment in the state of Connecticut. Every pupil shall also subscribe a pledge to be loyal to the interests of the school while a member, and to be faithfully observant of its rules of order and discipline.

2. As a general rule, candidates must enter the third Tuesday in September, and remain at least a year. They may be received, however, at the beginning of the winter term, January 2d, 1867, and at the beginning of the summer term, April 16th, 1867. All candidates and pupils must be present on the morning of the first day. No candidate will be received after that day unless in special cases for extraordinary reasons; and no pupil will be allowed to quit school during the continuance of a term, except in case of sickness or some other unforeseen necessity.

3. Study hours extend from nine to twelve and from half-past one to half-past three. There is no session on Saturday. Study hours out of school extend from half-past four to half-past five, and from seven to nine P. M.; these hours are to be faithfully devoted to the objects for which they are set apart. Students are to retire at or before half-past ten o'clock, when lights must be extinguished. No pupil shall leave town without special permission from the Principal.

4. Unexcused or deliberate absence or tardiness shall be treated as a grave misdemeanor. If several times wilfully repeated, the Principal shall suspend the delinquent.

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Lectures will be given by distinguished gentlemen during the present winter term on the History and Institutions of Connecticut.

5. The best methods of instruction will be the subject of frequent and regular lessons. Classes of children from the public schools of New Britain will be brought in for daily training, each Normal pupil in succession conducting the teaching exercise in presence of the whole Normal class. Opportunities will be afforded for visiting, under the direction of the teachers, some of the best schools in the state.

6. Those only who complete with credit a three years course or its equivalent will receive the Diploma of the School and be enrolled as Graduates.

Text Books.

1. The requisite text books are furnished gratuitously by the state. It is earnestly recommended to pupils to bring with them any text books they may possess, to be used for reference.

2. A large library is accessible to the pupils. Distinguished friends of education and liberal gentlemen are from time to time making valuable donations of books; and they may rest assured that their generosity is thankfully appreciated and well bestowed.

3. The institution is furnished with valuable philosophical and chemical apparatus, and a large collection of minerals, fossils, etc.

Expenses.

No charge being made for tuition or books, the necessary expenses, aside from board, are extremely slight. Board can be obtained in excellent families at prices varying from \$4.75 to \$5.25 per week, including fuel, lights and washing. Some of the young gentlemen and young ladies board in clubs at greatly reduced rates. Efforts will be made to assist meritorious pupils in such a way as will reduce the cost of living.

For further information letters may be addressed to the Principal of the School at New Britain.

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Course of Study.

FIRST YEAR				SECOND YEAR			THIRD YEAR		
1st term	2nd term	3rd term		1st term	2nd term	3rd term	1st term	2nd term	3rd term
Arithmetic and Geometry	Arithmetic and Geometry	Arithmetic		Algebra	Algebra	Bookkeeping	Mental Philosophy	School Economy	Theory and Practice of Teaching
Geography	Geography	Geography		Natural Philosophy	Natural Philosophy	Chemistry	Geology or Zoology	Astronomy	Botany
Physiology	U. S. History	U. S. History and Civil Polity		*French	*French	*French	*French	*French	*French
Etymology	Grammar	Analysis and Grammar		Analysis and Grammar	Comp. and Rhetoric	Comp. and Rhetoric	Comp. and Rhetoric	Eng. Lang. and Literature	Eng. Lang. and Literature
*Latin	*Latin	*Latin		*Latin	*Latin	*Latin	*Latin	*Latin	*Latin

Written Examinations weekly throughout the course.
 Gymnastic or Calisthenic Exercises. Reading, Spelling, Mental Arithmetic, and Object Lessons, daily throughout the course.
 Penmanship, Drawing, and Vocal Music weekly.
 Public Rhetorical Exercises at stated times.
 Lectures on History, Science, Literature, Art and Morals, by distinguished speakers, throughout the course.
 Lectures by Rev. B. G. Northrop, Secretary of the Board of Education, on Mental Philosophy, Methods of Instruction, &c.
 *Optional.

INSTRUCTORS IN
NORMAL AND PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

(a) A. L. Barber, A. B.

(e) Rev. Edward F. Williams, A. M.,
Principal*.

Miss Julia A. Lord,
Assistant.

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds,

Rev. D. B. Nichols.

* At the close of the term, the engagement of the Rev. E. F. Williams as Principal unexpectedly terminated, and John H. Combs, A. M., a graduate of Union College, N. Y., was appointed to fill the vacancy.